

TOPIC 1. PS Unit in Chodova Plans

## 2. Motorized Unit at Tachov

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PS Unit in Chodova Plana.

1. Until September 1951, the castle at Chodova Plana (N 50/P 55) quartered a PS unit which consisted of about 300 men and was commanded by a lieutenant colonel. The unit was equipped with small arms and light and heavy machine guns of various types and origin. \*

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Motorized Unit at Tachov.

2. At the end of July 1951, a motorized column of more than 200 vehicles was seen moving westward in the area of Koren (N 50/P 65), northeast of Tachov (N 50/P 54). It was rumored that the unit came from Slovakia. A soldier of this unit, who came from Korea, stated that the unit had been stationed in Rimavska Sobota (Q 49/D 31).
3. The column consisted of various types of trucks, sedans, jeeps, tractors and 12 to 15 armored reconnaissance cars having sloping side armor and mounting a turret with a small-caliber gun and an AA machine gun. Artillery pieces observed with the column included 12 to 15 AT guns of 75-mm and 15 to 20 light and heavy field howitzers. The light howitzers had split-trail carriages and a barrel of about 100-mm with muzzle brakes. The heavy howitzers, the carriages of which were mounted on special trailers, were drawn by tractors. \*\*

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\* Comment. The information tends to confirm a report of February 1951, according to which training units of the PS brigade in Plana were stationed in Plana.

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\*\*\*   Comment. Should this information prove true, it would imply that an entire division was transferred from Slovakia to western Bohemia because the column reported by source consisted of at least the motorized components of several units. The possibility that the troops went to the Kaiserswald troop training grounds only for training appears unlikely because the Kaiserswald is too far away from Czechoslovakia and units from Slovakia have never trained there to date.

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